

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Reverend Michael E. Askew, Sr., Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, Florida.

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Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009: The House began consideration of H.R. 1106, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability. Further proceedings were postponed.

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H. Res. 190, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 89, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 88. Pages H2846–48

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, February 25th:

Expressing condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407: H. Res. 183, to express condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 90.

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Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive the Right Honorable Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting the Right Honorable Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2nd for morning hour debate.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress a report entitled A New Era of Responsibility—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–19).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2837.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 8 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2846, H2847–48 and H2862. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Outsourcing. Testimony was heard from Gordon S. Heddell, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Disaster Response: Is FEMA up to the Challenge? Testimony was heard from Dave Garrett, Acting Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and Edward Tonini, Adjutant General, State of Kentucky.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT INNOVATIONS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness held a hearing on New Innovations and Best Practices Under the Workforce Investment Act. Testimony was heard from Cheryl Keenan, Director, Division of Adult Literacy, Department of Education, District of Columbia; George Scott, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; Scandi Vita, Acting Secretary, Department of Labor and Industry, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Revisiting the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976. Testimony was heard from John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; former Representative Calvin M. Dooley of California; J. Clarence Davies, former Assistant Administrator for Policy, EPA; and public witnesses.

CLIMATE LEGISLATION—RENEWABLE ENERGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Renewable Energy: Complimentary Policies for Climate Legislation. Testimony was heard from Howard K. Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Ron Binz, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission, Colorado; Stan Wise, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission, Georgia; and public witnesses.